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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2019
MEETING MINUTES
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER**

Present: Selectman Frederick "Skip" Vadnais; Selectman Gerry Schwall, Selectman Dave Perry, Selectman James Muri, and Deborah Arruda, Assistant to the Town Administrator

At 6:00 p.m., on a motion made by Selectman Perry, seconded by Selectman Schwall, it was voted to enter Executive Session, pursuant to. *MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21A (3) To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares.*

Topics of Discussion: Discussion with Special Counsel concerning potential litigation.

Roll Call Vote: Perry aye; Vadnais aye; Muri aye; Schwall aye. (Vote 4-0)

Call to Order at 7:20 p.m.: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrants for March 21, 2019: S. Vadnais read the weekly Warrants; 19-37A Withholdings, \$29,623.78, 19-38B Payroll, \$99,867.84; 19-37 Warrant, \$195,621.92. G. Schwall motioned to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0

Minutes: None

Open Forum – Announcements:

Ron Whittemore from Keep Rehoboth Beautiful announced the Town Wide Clean-up will begin April 22 and end on April 28th. Bags are available at the COA, Manny's Auto, Chartley's Country Store, Highway Dept. and Town Clerk's office. All information can be found on town's website, and soon on Facebook.

Also, at this year's ATM on 5/13 outside the entrance we will be holding a fundraiser, "spruce tree seedlings."

Next Selectmen's meeting will be held on Monday, March 25th at 7:00 PM at 55 Bay State Road, Senior Center.

The Citizens Against the Rehoboth Compressor Station (CARCS) will be hosting an informational event on Tuesday, March 19th at 7:15 PM at the Blanding Library. Snow date is March 26th. The event will feature two guest speakers, Bob Ackley from Gas Safety, Inc. and Boston University Professor Dr. Nathan Phillips. CARCS will also be giving a brief presentation on the 2018 baseline air and well water testing results, as well as their plans for 2019. Elected officials from the Commonwealth and surrounding municipalities will also be in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item #1 7:15 PM Public Hearing-Pole Installation on Water Street

G. Schwall motion to open the Public Hearing, second by J. Muri.

Roll Call Vote: Perry aye; Vadnais aye; Muri aye; Schwall aye. (Vote 4-0)

Mr. Alan Galvin from National Grid was present to answer any questions or concerns that the Board had. The purpose of the work is to break-up voltage load and bring poles up to code.

J. Muri motion to close the Public Hearing, second by G. Schwall.

Roll Call Vote: Perry aye; Vadnais aye; Muri aye; Schwall aye. (Vote 4-0)

Action Item #2: 7:30 PM Public Hearing-Removal of Public Shade Trees on Calisto Drive

G. Schwall motion to open the Public Hearing, second by D. Perry.

Roll Call Vote: Perry aye; Vadnais aye; Muri aye; Schwall aye. (Vote 4-0)

Removal of 13 Black Locust trees along Calisto Drive is necessary due to the mess the trees make when the pods begin to drop on the roadway. Also, the roots are becoming problematic.

G. Schwall motion to close the Public Hearing, second by J. Muri.

Roll Call Vote: Perry aye; Vadnais aye; Muri aye; Schwall aye. (Vote 4-0)

D. Perry motion to allow removal of 13 Black Locust trees and the grinding of the stumps as well. Second by G. Schwall. Vote 4-0

Discussion: Trees serve a function on the roadway and residents would like to replace trees with something less evasive. Many neighbors are upset with the mess the trees make in the yards and in the area.

Amended Vote: D. Perry motion to amend vote and add, replacement trees are contingent upon the individual homeowner replacing the trees. Tree Warden will recommend placement and species of new replacement tree. Second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0

Discussion: If homeowner does not want to replace existing tree from street, Black Locust does not get removed. Board agreed with this decision.

- Ray Medeiros concerned with Tree Warden telling him where to place the new trees on his property. S. Vadnais reiterated that species and placement will be an agreement that the homeowner AND Tree Warden have to come to. If no agreement than no trees will be removed.

Action Item #3: 7:45 Public Hearing- 7-Day Entertainment License Application from LMYZ Catering, LLC d/b/a/ Park's Asian Bistro and Sushi Bar

G. Schwall motion to open the Public Hearing, second by D. Perry.

Roll Call Vote: Perry aye; Vadnais aye; Muri aye; Schwall aye. (Vote 4-0)

Applicant passed along all return receipts and also check made out to Gatehouse Media to Deborah Arruda.

Applicant is looking to add the Entertainment License to their business on Park Street. License would be for 4 TVs, background music from either a CD or internet. Hours of Operation are Monday- Saturday 11 AM- 1 AM, Sunday Morning 10AM – Noon and Sunday 12 Noon to 1 AM.

J. Muri motion to close the Public Hearing, second by G. Schwall.
Roll Call Vote: Perry aye; Vadnais aye; Muri aye; Schwall aye. (Vote 4-0)

Discussion: Kristin Estes of 15 Park Street, concerned with the noise level at night. She has small children. Asked if the Board could review the hours of operation, perhaps no entertainment on Sundays.

Manny Botelho of 2 Park Street, lives across the street and in the past with other business there was noise coming from the parking lot, fighting and music was very loud.

Ingah Ma-Co-partner of the restaurant assures the neighbors that although the paperwork reads 1 AM closing, she is planning on closing by 11 PM. Her goal is to bring good Asian food to Rehoboth, not entertainment. All partners agree with statement.

G. Schwall motion to approve Entertainment License with the following hours of operation and entertainment, second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0

Monday -Saturday 8am-1am
Sundays-10am-1am

4 Sports TVs
Background music using CD's and/or internet streaming

Action Item #4: FY 2020 Budget Review

Following FY 2020 budgets have been submitted for the Board's review and consideration:

- **Police-**G. Schwall motion to approve budget as submitted. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0
- **Council on Aging-** G. Schwall motion to approve budget as submitted. Second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0
- **Library-** G. Schwall motion to approve budget as submitted. Second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0
- **Selectmen's Office-**J. Muri motion to create new line #122 for "Director of Information Technology and Media" and add for FY2020 \$14,250 from town portion of taxes. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0.

Discussion:

J. Muri to speak with Roberta regarding line item #.
G. Schwall will update changes and pass on to Roberta for final workbook.
Board agrees to pass along budgets to Finance Committee for final review.

Action Item #5: Annual Town Election Warrant

G. Schwall motion to vote to sign the 2019 Annual Town Election Warrant as provided by the Town Clerk. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0

Action Item #6: Schedule Public Hearing for ABCC Change of Premises Amendment for MFB Foods d/b/a Rehoboth House of Pizza

G. Schwall motion to vote to set April 16th for the Public Hearing for the ABCC Change of Premises Amendment for MFB Foods d/b/a Rehoboth House of Pizza. Second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0

Action Item # 7: Schedule Public Hearing for Utility License

G. Schwall motion to vote to set April 16th for the Public Hearing for the purpose of granting a Utility License to the Town of Rehoboth in support of the proposed School Fiber Program. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0.

Action Item #8: Appointment of Jeffrey Greenberg to the 375th Steering Committee

D. Perry motion to vote to appoint Jeffrey Greenberg to the 375th Steering Committee. Second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0

Action Item #9: Request for One Day Special All Alcohol License: Holy Ghost Brotherhood of Charity

D. Perry motion to vote to approve One Day Special All Alcohol License for Holy Ghost Brotherhood of Charity. Event will be held on April 6th between the hours of 6pm and 12-midnight at 43 Broad Street, Rehoboth. Consumption of alcohol is limited to the "open dining hall set up with 3'x 8' banquet tables for family style dining." Transportation of alcohol will be April 5 and April 7. Second by G. Schwall. Vote 4-0

Action Item #10: Approval of Snow Related Invoices as submitted by Highway Department

D. Perry motion to vote to approve payment of invoices submitted by the Highway Department in the amount of \$8,012.00. Vote 4-0

Action Item #11: Reserve Fund Transfer: Police Department

D. Perry motion to vote to approve the Reserve Fund Transfer request in the amount of \$1,900.00 for Line # 012103-57140- Training. Forward to the Finance Committee for their consideration. Second by G. Schwall. Vote 4-0

Action Item #12: Budget Amendments

D. Perry motion to vote to approve the following budget amendments for the Board of Selectmen-Facility Maintenance. Second by G. Schwall. Vote 4-0

Increase Line # 011873-52413 Facility Maintenance Public Safety Building Repair by \$2,000 and
Decrease Line # 011873-52409 Facility Maintenance Repairs/Improvements by \$2,000.

D. Perry motion to vote to approve the following budget amendments for the Highway Department. Second by G. Schwall. Vote 4-0

Increase Line # 014223-55300 Highway Road/Gravel/Stone/Sand by \$5000 and
Decrease Line # 014223-52730 Highway Road/Machine rental by \$5,000.

OPEN FORUM-PUBLIC:

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: No Report

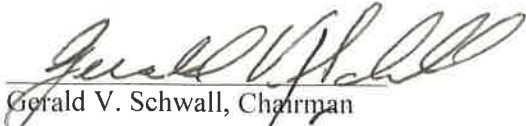
Schwall: No Report

Perry: No Report

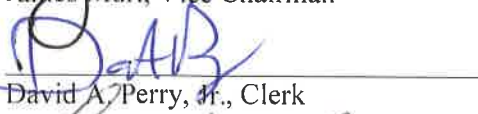
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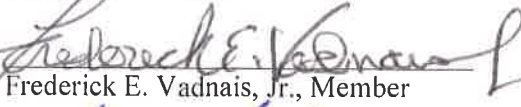
Costello: Absent

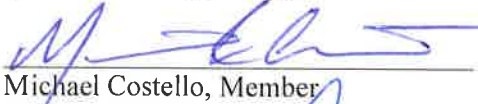
ADJOURNMENT: Selectmen J. Muri made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 9:21 PM., Second by Selectmen G. Schwall. Perry – aye; Muri – aye, Schwall – aye, Vadnais – aye.

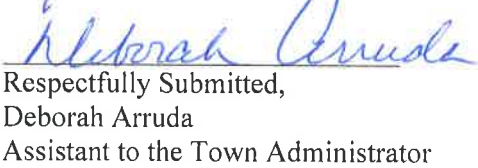

Gerald V. Schwall, Chairman


James Muri, Vice Chairman


David A. Perry, Jr., Clerk


Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Member


Michael Costello, Member


Respectfully Submitted,
Deborah Arruda
Assistant to the Town Administrator

Approved: 8/5/19